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THE 2010 STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS

"We're working through the G20 to sustain a lasting global recovery. We're working with Muslim communities around the world ... [and] we have gone from a bystander to a leader in the fight against climate change."

In his State of the Union Address last night, the President laid out an agenda for his second year in office covering a broad range of domestic and international issues. In discussing those issues, the president placed heavy emphasis on financial and economic reform - dedicating the government to measures that will lay the foundation for a stronger United States economy.

The President made clear that there is tremendously busy agenda ahead for his second year – the policies and proposals below are examples of the plans and initiatives the President laid out in his address.

2010 State of the Union Address

Exporting More of Our Goods Around the World

Launch of a National Export Initiative

"We will double our exports over the next five years, an increase that will support two million new jobs in America." To meet this goal, we're launching a **National Export Initiative** that will help farmers and small businesses increase their exports and expand their markets. Details will be announced in the coming weeks, but the National Export Initiative includes the creation of the President's Export Promotion Cabinet and an enhancement of funding for key export promotion programs. We will work to shape a Doha trade agreement that opens markets and will continue to work with key allies like South Korea, Panama, and Colombia on trade agreements that provide real benefits to our workers.

The President and members of his Administration will announce additional details in the coming week.

A Vision for a Clean Energy Economy

"…to create more of these clean energy jobs, we need more production, more efficiency, and more incentives." We will build on the historic $80 billion investment made through the Recovery Act. The President's vision includes investments in important technologies to diversity our energy sources and reduce our dependence on foreign oil, including: the renewal of our nation's nuclear energy industry after a 30-year hiatus, cutting edge biofuel and clean coal technologies, and additional offshore oil and gas drilling. To fully transition to a clean energy economy and create millions of new American jobs, we must pass comprehensive energy and climate legislation to promote energy independence and address climate change.

American Ingenuity and Innovation

We must invest in American ingenuity and innovation

"*We need to encourage American innovation."* The Obama Innovation Agenda will get us closer to the President's long-term goal of increasing combined private and public R&D investment to three percent of GDP. The Obama 2011 budget will move us closer to restoring America to first in the world in college completion; and invest in the next generation of scientists so we will not lag behind countries like China in science and engineering graduates.

More details will be announced in the coming weeks.

National Security and Counterterrorism

The President's focus on national security includes rooting out terrorists where they hide

"*Since the day I took office, we have renewed our focus on the terrorists who threaten our nation."* In the last year, hundreds of Al Qaeda's fighters and affiliates have been captured or killed – far more than in 2008.

Bioterror and Pandemic Threat Initiative

The President is launching a bioterror and pandemic threat initiative

"*We are launching a new initiative that will give us the capacity to respond faster and more effectively to bio-terrorism or an infectious disease – a plan that will counter threats at home, and strengthen public health abroad."* The President called to action key U.S. Government leaders to re-design our medical countermeasure enterprise to protect Americans from bioterror or infectious health threats. We will pursue a business model that leverages market forces and reduces risk to attract pharmaceutical and biotechnology industry collaboration with the U.S. Government.

Non-Proliferation Results

The President's commitment to Non-Proliferation results

"Even as we prosecute two wars, we are also confronting the greatest danger to the American people – the threat of nuclear weapons." The United States and Russia are completing negotiations on the farthest-reaching arms control treaty in nearly twenty years. He will also host a Nuclear Security Summit in April, which will bring forty-four nations together behind a clear goal: to secure all loose nuclear materials around the world in four years, so that they never fall into the hands of terrorists.

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